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SUBJECT: US WITHDRAWAL FROM KARAMURSEL

1. OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE TOWARD KARAMURSEL REMAINS THE
DRAWDOWN TO CARETAKER STATUS AND FULL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
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INSTALLATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE MUST, HOWEVER, AVOID
ACTIONS IN THIS PROCESS WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH OUR
CURRENT EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND RESUME OPERATIONS
AT OTHER INSTALLATIONS OR WHICH COULD PREJUDICE OUR POSI-
TIONS IN NEGOTIATING A NEW INSTALLATION AGREEMENT.

2. GIVEN THE APPARENT TURKISH ASPIRATION FOR A COMPLETELY

OPERATIONAL BASE, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, WE CAN ANTICIPATE A PERIOD OF DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS OVER THE DISPOSITION OF MOVABLE ASSETS NOW AT KARAMURSEL. IN THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE, EVEN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS CAN HAVE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS AND WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO RECONCILE DISAGREEMENTS ON KARAMURSEL ISSUES AT THIS TIME.

3. WE EXPECT ISSUES WHICH WOULD ARISE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS OVER KARAMURSEL WILL ALSO BE ADDRESSED IN THE BROADER NEGOTIATIONS OF A NEW INSTALLATION AGREEMENT. THUS, PREMATURE DISCUSSIONS ON KARAMURSEL COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR POSITIONS IN THESE LATER NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED, USAF HAS MOVED ITS TARGET DATE FOR DRAWDOWN TO CARETAKER STATUS FROM 1 OCTOBER TO 15 DECEMBER. PLANS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO REACH THIS GOAL WITHOUT THE NEED FOR PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS WHICH REQUIRE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE TGS.

5. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A CONTINUING NEED TO EVALUATE THE CONDITION OF OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT AT KARAMURSEL, THE EVALUATION, IF CARRIED OUT AT THIS TIME WITH TURKISH PARTICIPATION, COULD FUEL TURKISH EXPECTATIONS AND LEAD TO PREMATURE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DISPOSITION OF US ASSETS. THEREFORE, PLANS TO DISPATCH A US TEAM TO KARAMURSEL FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE BEEN DEFERRED AND WILL BE REEVALUATED IN LIGHT

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OF DEVELOPING CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. ADDRESSES SHOULD AVOID, WHERE POSSIBLE, UNNECESSARY DISCUSSION OF KARAMURSEL WITH THE TURKS. IF ASKED ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS TOWARD EQUIPMENT EVALUATION OR OTHER ASPECTS OF KARAMURSEL WITHDRAWALS, YOU SHOULD INFORM TURKS THAT PLANNING IS CONTINUING IN APPROPRIATE US AGENCIES BUT THAT YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPRISED OF ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS.

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